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Title: MACHINABLE AUSTEMPERED CAST IRON ARTICLE
HAVING IMPROVED MACHINABILITY, FATIGUE
PERFORMANCE, AND RESISTANCE TO ENVIRONMENTAL
CRACKING AND A METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

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STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir:

The above identified patent application was filed over 14 months ago. The failure by the Patent Office to take action within this time frame may result in an adjustment of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) and 37 CFR 1.702 – 1.705. We note that the last communication received from the Patent Office was the FILING RECEIPT dated March 5, 2004. Applicant hereby requests that the Patent Office advise applicant's undersigned attorney as to the status of the application.

Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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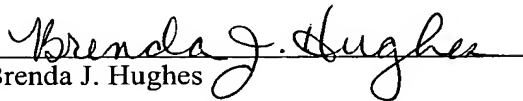
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